

THE CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

A HORRIBLE TRAFFIC IN YOUNG MAIDENS

Carried on by a Villain Who Pretended to Secure Lucrative Situations for Them.

New York, December 24.—John de Leon, an astrologer, who kept a fortune telling establishment in East Fourth street, was arrested today and lodged in the Tombs to answer a charge of kidnapping. The man did a thriving business sending young girls to South and Central America to fill alleged lucrative positions, until he exposed himself to a reporter, who learned from him that he sent the girls away to lead lives of shame. The complaint upon which the indictment was found charges him with kidnapping Sarah Bowen, a young girl living in Astoria, L. I., and sending her to Panama, presumably for an evil purpose. Police Inspector Byrne's detectives this morning located him in the Arlington House, this city, after a long search, by means of a decoy letter sent to his son. De Leon is charged with several crimes in Lancaster, Pa., one of them being that he played the part of a bridegroom in a mock marriage, for which there is an indictment against him.

Young Woman Kidnapped.

Chicago, Ill., December 24.—A special dispatch from Peoria, Ill., says Rosa Roberts, a young girl 20 years of age, claims to have been seized by a man on the public street yesterday afternoon, thrown into a buggy and conveyed five miles up the river, where she was thrown from the vehicle into the snow. She was certainly found there and brought back to the city about midnight last night. Rosa tells a remarkable story to the effect that she was abducted from her home in Germany when 5 years old by a man named Bias, brought to New York, adopted by a manufacturer named Roberts as one of his family, and five years later, when she was 10 years old, he died, leaving her \$10,000 in his will. She came with a daughter of Roberts, who had married L. W. Williams, now engaged in the boot and shoe business in this city, and lived with Williams until about a year ago. She claims that in the man who seized her on the street yesterday she recognized the one who abducted her from Germany fifteen years ago, and that the horror of seeing him deprived her of consciousness. Rosa believes that her parents are wealthy people in Germany, and that the object of Bias was to put her out of the way in order to keep her from securing her inheritance, and that her long unconscious spell made him believe that his object was accomplished. She is subject to fainting spells, which sometimes last for two hours.

Safe Blowers in Town.

CLEVELAND, O., December 24.—The five safe blowers who attempted to rob the treasury of Medina county, came to Cleveland early yesterday morning, and were evidently at work here. Last night five men and the dry goods store of Hexter Bros. on Woodland avenue. A hole was drilled in the door of the safe, and a heavy charge of bluish powder was inserted in the whole. Two valuable plunk sacks and a piece of cotton flannel were taken out, and the safe to be blown. The explosion was heard in the block and adjoining buildings followed. The two doors of the safe were blown from their hinges across the room, completely demolishing two chairs and knocking down the side doors of the office. The desk and furniture were more or less injured, and the office itself was thrown out of plumb. The robbers secured \$250 and a large amount of valuable property.

There Certainly Must Have Been a Riot.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., December 24.—The trial of the Bay View rioters has been adjourned until Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Mayor Walther was on the stand this morning and testified in regard to the prosecution which he issued on May 31 and 6th. Judge Sloan, when he adjourned the court, told the attorneys for the defense that he would only allow them to call six witnesses to prove that there was no riot at Bay View. The lawyers attempted to discuss the matter, but Judge Sloan stated that he considered six witnesses enough. So far as he was concerned, he said, a thousand witnesses could not make him believe that there was no riot at Bay View. He added, incidentally, that he deemed the firing by the militia perfectly justifiable.

A Cowardly Outrage.

NEW ORLEANS, December 24.—A special from Kewauko, Miss., to the Times-Democrat says: At midnight Wednesday night four or five armed men went to the house of Jordan Tagoe, a colored man living on Mr. Doan's place, about four miles below town, and demanded an entrance, claiming to have a search warrant. A son of Jordan's opened the door, and, on discovering the men masked and armed, made a quick exit through the back window, the masked men firing at him. They then killed Jordan and shot his wife several times, it is believed fatally. She was shot through the tongue and cannot speak, but signified that she knew who shot her. There are different opinions as to the cause of the crime and who the parties are. The community is highly incensed at the cowardly outrage, and no doubt the case will be thoroughly investigated.

Miss Trellington's Body Recovered.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 24.—The body of Miss Trellington, the dead mute young lady who suddenly disappeared from this city with W. L. Bingham, and who was from the first supposed to have been murdered, was found today in the woods eight miles from Raleigh and one mile from Cary, a village on the Norfolk and Carolina, Raleigh and Augusta railroad. She had been shot through the head and her throat had been cut.

Trouble Resulting From a Kiss.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 24.—When court opened this morning the District Attorney announced that the commonwealth had closed its case in the trial of Rev. W. L. Messers for felonious assault on Mrs. Mary Colston. The defense then opened, and Mr. Shields, of counsel for Messers, addressed the jury. He stated that the victim of the assault, and that the witnesses would be placed on the stand who would testify that Mrs. Colston and her husband had told them that Mrs. Messers would not be in the pulpit long; that they had plans and schemes to get him out. He then arranged the case, and referring to the eventful Monday morning when Messers had visited Mrs. Colston at her request, he asserted that while the minister was ex-

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